



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 11, 2007
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Administration, Library Department
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2008 Agreement For A Countywide Free Library System

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve and authorize the Library Director to execute an agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc for the Operation of a Countywide Free Library System for the Fiscal Year 2008.

DISCUSSION:

The Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Free Library System for Fiscal Year 2008, which is recommended for approval and execution, provides for continued funding of Library services for all Santa Barbara County residents and designates the Cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Santa Maria as administrators of County Library Zones 1, 2, and 3, respectively. The City of Santa Barbara furnishes library service to all persons inhabiting Library Zone 1, including Carpinteria, Los Olivos, Montecito, Goleta, Solvang and Santa Ynez.

On June 30, 2007, the previous four-year contract expired. The new one year contract allows the library zones to receive the recommended funding for operations in the interim until a long-term contract is agreed upon by the County and the City libraries.

Initially, the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2008 budget provided for a 3.5% COLA in its per capita support. On November 6, 2007, the Board of Supervisors considered a budget expansion request submitted by the County of Santa Barbara Library Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee requested that the County increase the per capita funding from \$6.032 to \$12 over a period of four years.

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney _____ Name of Additional Department(s) That Need to Review CAR

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This specific recommendation was not approved; however, the Board did agree to increase the COLA from 3.5% to 7% for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009. The 7% COLA means that the per capita will be \$6.454 in FY 08 and \$6.904 in FY09. The Board also approved an additional one-time contribution of \$200,000 to be distributed equally among the three library zones for Fiscal Year 2008. As a result of these actions, the Santa Barbara Public Library System will receive \$48,930 from the increased COLA and \$66,667 from the one-time contribution, for a total of \$115,597 beyond the amount originally allotted for Zone 1 in Fiscal Year 2008.

Under the terms and conditions of this contract, the Santa Barbara Public Library System will receive:

- \$580,860 of County per capita funds for support of the Central and Eastside Branch Libraries (City Libraries)
- \$833,414 of County per capita funds for support of the Carpinteria, Goleta, Los Olivos, Montecito, Santa Ynez and Solvang Libraries (County Libraries)
- \$66,667 one-time funding for capital items
- A 9% administrative fee of \$82,426, that the City of Santa Barbara receives for managing the County libraries

The Fiscal Year 2008 Agreement and terms was approved by members of the Library Board at the November 8, 2007, meeting.

PREPARED BY: Irene Macias, Library Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office